

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 2 Week 8**

**12th June 2012**

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## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Last week I had the privilege of spending two days as a part of the Catholic Education Office review team that was working at St Therese's School in Invercargill.

This was a great opportunity for me as it allowed me to work with the review team and to study the procedures that they followed and also to work in a school that while larger than our still had many common characteristics.

The challenge for all integrated schools is to protect the integrity of the special character of the school, in our case the Catholic Special Character, after all this is why the schools exist.

St Mary's as a school has an interesting history because it was not founded by a religious order, as most church schools were, but by a lay teacher. The Sisters of Mercy took over the running of the school, and administered it for a good part of its history, that is why we have the school motto—Misericordiae (Mercy). Mercy as we understand means benevolence, forgiveness and kindness.

In this day of mission statements, visions and values we have lost sight a little of the purpose or reason for a motto.

A motto is a pledge or phrase meant to formally summarize the general motivation or intention of a group or organization.

So a challenge that we as a school community have is to honor our motto of Mercy (Misericordiae) and to show forgiveness and kindness.

The Parable of the Prodigal son and his Brother (Luke 15:11-32) best depicts what we see as Mercy, but it also has the added component of the 'good' brother who was angry that the prodigal had returned, realizing that he had lost nothing by his brother returning.

Often we forget that like a good golfer we should focus on our own game and not compare our situation against others, because if we do this we will never be happy.

Have a great week.

Mike Brosnahan  
Principal



## Assembly Rms 3/5



**Our Vision :** Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

**Dates for June**

13th	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
14th	Rm 7 Camp Meeting 7pm
15th	Assembly Rms 1 & 2
19th	Quiz Night 7.30pm RSA
20th&21st	Taieri Schools Music Festival 7pm-Tickets on sale at the office \$5pp
22nd	School Cross Country
27th	Prepared Speeches Yrs 6-8

**Mufti Day**

Thank you for supporting our Mufti Day for Nurosurgery in Dunedin campaign. We had some amazing hats!



**A thought for the week...**

The main hope of a nation lies in the proper education of it's youth.

Erasmus

Thank you to everyone who supported Room 7's Cake Stall fundraiser. This was a huge success and will really help with the money needed to go on our Winter Camp this year. With your help we raised a fantastic \$343.60!

A huge thank you from all of Room 7.



**St Mary's School**

**Quiz Night Next**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**  
**7.30pm**

**Mosgiel RSA Community Club**

**\$25 per team**  
**(max of 5 people per team)**  
**Register at our school office**  
**489 7716**

**Come early & have a drink with friends beforehand.**

**Remember to bring some coins for our \$1 and \$2 raffles!**

**Awesome prizes to be won!!!**

Lounge tickets to a Highlanders Game  
Bungy Jump  
Gondola & Luge Ride and many more!

**Thank you**

The total amount of profit of the Cheese Rolls was just over **\$2800!** Well done to everyone who helped sell & make all these. This is a fantastic result!

**Netball**

**Congratulations** to the following girls who have been selected in the Taieri Plains Junior Netball Rep Teams:

Year Eight:

Sinead Illingworth and Nadia Kerr

Year Six:

Anahera Reynolds and Ciara Lawlor

Also a **huge thank you to all the helpers** at the Netball last weekend when our school was on duty, the feedback was that we have been the best school so far! Well done.

**Netball July Holiday Programmes for Years 4-8 children, 9-11th July 9am-1pm**  
Details on the noticeboard in the foyer.

**Altar Servers Sunday 17th June**

Jayden Grindley, Ryan Hanrahan, & Bridget O'Neill.

## New Sports Uniform—Final Week for Orders Please

Thank you for your positive feedback for our new sports uniform. We have reviewed and collated the ideas and sent them through to the art room of ISC.

ISC Lenco has been regarded as one of New Zealand's leading suppliers/manufacturers for sportswear for over 25 years and supplies many Dunedin schools. The uniform will be sublimated so this enables us to have as much colour and details as we want on the uniforms at no extra cost.

To clarify a few other details the design is based on the Year 7&8 rugby jersey, the fabric used for these jerseys is a durable sports fabric designed specifically for rugby.

A sports mesh fabric will be used for our new sports uniform. (Easy wash, dry and wear).

The idea of the Saddle Hill image on the back was to:

1. Show we are from the Taieri area
2. Carry on a little piece of history from our old sports tops
3. To make our tops unique

We have asked to have this as a watermark under the St Mary's Mosgiel on the back.

A final decision on all artwork will be made when proofs arrive from the art room.

The school is very fortunate to have received a grant from Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation towards the new uniforms. This means each uniform (top and shorts) will receive a **\$25 subsidy**.

To receive this subsidy your order will need to be placed before the 15<sup>th</sup> June and the total will be \$50.

After this the uniforms will be \$75 for the set. (Top \$40 and Shorts \$35).

**While the orders need to be placed by the 15<sup>th</sup> June, payment is not required until the uniforms arrive next term. Payment arrangements can be made at the school office if required, please see Pauline or Mike.**

A period of gradually phasing in the use of the new uniform is expected by the BOT. Pupils are expected to wear the new uniform once they have arrived this year and the uniform will be a compulsory component of our school uniform from the beginning of 2013. The only exception will be this year's Year Seven and Eight group who because of the small amount of use of the uniform they will get, may choose to wear either the new uniform or the existing Year 7 & 8 rugby style top.

We have been asked if they come in adults sizes. They will cost a little more but if you would like one please add this to your families order form and I will let you know the price.

If you would like any further information please contact me on 489-2342, Donna Burns.

*Cut here and return to office by 15<sup>th</sup> June please*



### ST MARY'S SPORT UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### Order

Uniform 1	Name	Size	Price \$50
Uniform 2	Name	Size	Price \$50
Uniform 3	Name	Size	Price \$50
Adult Top		Size	

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sizes available 4 to 14

To help with sizing a size 10 top & shorts are available for viewing at the school office.

The sizes are the same as our old sports tops from Postie Plus.



## e-learning snapshot 8 - Digital Citizenship

Last week I took part in an online Digital Citizenship webinar with participants from all around New Zealand. We are all continually reflecting on what it means to be a Smart Digital Citizen. It is something we need to discuss and explicitly teach to our learners.

### What is digital citizenship?

Drawing from the Key Competencies and Values in the New Zealand Curriculum and a growing body of research knowledge, NetSafe, in consultation with New Zealand teachers has produced this definition of a New Zealand Digital Citizen.

**A digital citizen:**

**is a confident and capable user of ICT  
uses technologies to participate in educational, cultural, and economic activities  
uses and develops critical thinking skills in cyberspace  
is literate in the language, symbols, and texts of digital technologies  
is aware of ICT challenges and can manage them effectively  
uses ICT to relate to others in positive, meaningful ways  
demonstrates honesty and integrity and ethical behaviour in their use of ICT  
respects the concepts of privacy and freedom of speech in a digital world  
contributes and actively promotes the values of digital citizenship**

We must work with our learners to ensure they are aware of their digital footprint. I really urge you to spend some time with your learner(s) watching, discussing and reflecting on:

<http://www.mylgp.org.nz/index.php> Netsafe Learn Guide Protect site

[http://www.netsafe.org.nz/Doc\\_Library/Digital\\_Citizenship\\_in\\_New\\_Zealand\\_Schools\\_Overview.pdf](http://www.netsafe.org.nz/Doc_Library/Digital_Citizenship_in_New_Zealand_Schools_Overview.pdf) Digital Citizenship overview

<https://stmarys62012.wikispaces.com/cyber+safety+videos> 3 excellent clips to watch and discuss

As I talk with parents I am very aware of the concerns about time spent online and on what sites. Talk to your learners about the sites they are visiting, the games they are playing and the time they are spending online. Try to sit with your learner and see what the appeal or benefit is of time spent on a site, an app, or a game. Try to set realistic time for online learning and games.

Anne Kenneally



### Kapa Haka Road Trip 8 June 2012

What an absolute pleasure it was to travel with our Kapa Haka group to Middlemarch last Friday. The entire day was a wonderful experience. A HUGE thank you to all who made the day possible: Stacey and John Peita, Chance, Mrs Dillon, Addie Dale and the Tokomaro Kapahaka group for inviting, hosting and inspiring us, The Strath Taieri extended community for the welcome, the time and the food, the parents who accompanied us and shared the celebration of the day and the wonderful St Mary's Kapahaka participants - your participation, involvement and behaviour made us all so incredibly proud. What a truly amazing day. We now look forward to continuing our learning journey and preparing for Hui Ako, Polyfest and hosting Tokomaro at our school later in the year. Following are photos and a few reflections on the day from our participants. Check out the class blogs for more stories...



We sang in front of people- India

We liked singing and we had fun all day -Rylee

We did Rakau, we were taught and it was fun - Ciarstyn



Chanse and his dad stood up and gave a speech to their school in Maori.

Next we sung some songs to them and after that we all shook hands while they welcomed us. Strath Taieri School gave us sausages and bread for lunch. It was delicious. At 1:00pm we went back to the hall to play some games. The girls did poi and the boys did hand games and the juniors did Rakau sticks. Right after we had all finished our Maori games we all met out on the courts and they said goodbye and we left there at 1:30pm. As we drove past Strath Taieri School waved goodbye to us. It was an amazing trip. We can't wait till they visit us!

By Anahera and Michaela

On Friday we went to Middlemarch. When we got there we played on the playground. We were welcomed by a chant and some songs. When we got inside Chanse and his Dad spoke on our behalf and then we had to sing after each speech. We walked down to Middlemarch School for lunch. Then Year 4 and up girls went to learn poi, boys did hand games and the little guys did Rakau. The hardest bit was learning the poi. The easiest bit was singing the songs. The worst bit was the trip and the best bit was being there.

By Emma



On Friday the 8th of June we travelled on a bus to Middle March with the Kapa Haka group. It took at least half an hour. When we finally arrived at Middlemarch Park we all ran out of the bus excited and ate morning tea. Afterwards we were allowed to play on the play ground. When we all arrived at Middlemarch outside the community hall at 11:30am the Kapa Haka group was greeted by Strath Taieri School. We were seated in their hall and sat down and listened to them sing some Maori songs.

